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Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management the report prepared by the expert group on land administration and management, which is available in the language of submission only from the website of the Committee of Experts (http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html). The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on the way forward for the application of geospatial information to land administration and management.

Summary of the report

At its fifth session, held in New York from 5 to 7 August 2015, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 5/105, in which it acknowledged the importance and need for geospatial information as an essential base for an effective and efficient land information system, and the need for the Committee to play a leading role at the policy level by raising political awareness and highlighting the importance to decision makers of the need for timely and fit-for-purpose land administration and management. The Committee endorsed the establishment of an expert group to undertake the work needed to advance the activities related to land administration and management, and approved the convening of the fourth High-level Forum on Global Geospatial Information Management, to be held in Addis Ababa in April 2016, in order to strengthen the use of geospatial information for good land governance. The Committee also requested that the expert group undertake work that is able to contribute to the sustainable development indicator process and areas, as appropriate, and that an action plan, informed by broad global consultation and

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the outcomes of the High-level Forum, be prepared by the expert group to address the main areas of focus.

In its report, the expert group on land administration and management describes its establishment, delineates its terms of reference and initial two-year action plan and details the deliberations and significant decisions emanating from the conference on land and poverty of the World Bank, held in Washington, D.C., in March 2016, and the first meeting of the expert group held on the margins of the fourth High-level Forum, as well as those leading up to the Addis Ababa declaration on geospatial information management towards good land governance for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which was adopted at the conclusion of the fourth High-level Forum.